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Bro Phelps.

I suppose you have been waiting two or three days with a good deal of impatience to receive a reply to yours of the 25 ult - but I have not been ready to say what I wish to say to you till today. I have laid the subject of your communication before Dr Beecher, & have told him what sort of a genius you are & said to him a part of your letter - says the Dr "He is just such troops as we want tell him to come on forthwith" Mr Pond Ed. of the Spirit of the Pilgrims, has been after me two or three times to go to Hopkinton. I told him that I could not go but recommended you. He thinks that you "will be just the man & must come". They wish for some one to settle with them soon but the Dr says "we will talk that matter over when you come on we can find something here for you to do" He says it is possible that he shall need both you & myself to aid him in the Revival in this city. I board in his family & he thinks it probable that you can do the same I think that you will find employment sufficient to pay for your board if not for all your expenses if you remain in the city - at any rate you can go to Hopkinton a few weeks & fill your pockets & then come & reside in B - till they are exhausted & then go again if necessary. They will want you at 1<sup>st</sup> one week from next Sabbath & Mr Pond who is engaged to supply them & says he shall take wait till he hears from you before applying to any one else. Mr P says they dont want an Andover

student - they want one from N. Haven. I don't know much about the place, but Mr P says it is an important station. You must calculate to supply them a while, if you do no more. You can tell whether that is the place for you to labour permanently after you have seen them.

N.H. theology goes down finely in this region. This Boston association is a strong hold of Taylorism & is a great terror to the physical depravity men of the North. The opposers of Dr Taylor I believe have never been more active in attempting to put down his views than they are at present - but they defeat themselves for their denunciations serve only to put all those minds that think for themselves to investigating, & the result of this course is just such as we might hope & expect. Dr Woods has read his letters to several Clergymen of this city requesting their opinion & advice with regard to publishing -

Dr Beecher remarked to me, "Woods has not taught in scarcely a single particular - he has fired every gun wide of the mark, & we told him so, & we made him see it & feel it I believe, & he won't dare to print them, see if he does". Dr B. has recently rec'd a long letter from Dr Tyler, fraught with alarm saying Taylor must be checked & if there is a man upon earth that can check <sup>him</sup> you are that man & you must do it" I was employed all day yesterday in transcribing the Dr's reply. He does not go into a discussion, but attempts to allay his fears. expressing his entire approbation of Dr T & his school, & comforts him with these words. "It is my most full & deliberate belief that these views will prevail & predominate both in N.E. & elsewhere" —

The Dr concludes his letter something like this. "I believe God has seen reasons for having the system of Calvinism re-examined by a new & original investigation of all the points, & that the result will be the siftting out of all the false philosophy which may have been twisted in with it, & leaving the map like gold & silver lines purified. Who of us would suffer the loss of wood, hay, & stubble, by the process, I cannot tell, but all mine is at the Lord's disposal, & if all this is in N.H. should be brot out & laid in one pile I think it would make a great bonfire" —

The Dr last evening read me a letter just rec'd from a student at Andover. Some weeks since a number of students were in N.B. & heard the Dr preach a sermon on "Moral agency". One of them called upon the Dr & borrowed his notes & carried them to A. where many transcripts were taken. The object of his letter was to apologize for making such use of his notes & also to tell him how the A. students thought upon the subject. Says he "Several of those who have before been hesitating have said to me 'well if this is Taylorism I will be a Taylorite'. After reading the letter the Dr says "I have been still on this subject long enough & I am not going to kick still any longer. I can revolutionize that Seminary by publishing three or four sermons that I have & I will do it". You must not give great publicity to what I tell you about the Dr for perhaps I ought not to tell what is said in his study. You had better come on without the least delay, for in a week or two there will be a swarm of fellows down from Andover. You need have no fears in N.H. but that Dr B. will lead his influence for N.H. students but they must be wide awake ~~for him~~

My love all the brethren - tell Wolcott to write me by  
you & also request him to tell Adams the printer to  
direct my newspapers to the care of Dr Beecher -  
otherwise I shall not be likely to get them

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My respects to Dr Gaynor & ask him what I had better  
do about settling in Berlin. On many accounts I should  
prefer coming back to Ct. to settle. If you cannot be here by  
the time I should write me so by return of mail for we are waiting